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WORD  
From the  
LORD  
To the  
PRIESTS  
OF  
ENGLAND  
In General that teach for  
HIRE.



Ear O ye Priests of *England* the word of the  
Lord God as it came unto me in the year, 1659.  
the sixth moneth, the twenty fifth day of the  
moneth ; saying,

Thus saith the Lord God, Ile make you a terror to your selves, and one to another, and Ile strike you with amazements and fears, and bring everlasting shame upon you, and you shal be a hissing, and a bye word to Nations, and a dirision to Generations, for as much as you have refused and rejected the day of your visitation, my witnesse in you shall condemn you, and my power shall shake you, and make your hearts to melt and tremble at my dreadful presence, ye that have been a terror to others, and a burthen, and oppressors of my dear Children and Servants, which in my pure power was mov ed to warn you to flee from the wrath to come, you shall be oppressed, burthened, and terrified, and there will be none

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to deliver you, for he that should be your deliverer, will  
be your eternal condemnation, therefore woe be to you,  
O ye proud prophane hirelings of England, your day is  
hastening, wherein your perpetual shame, contempt and  
misery shall be made manifest to thousands; have you  
not been long leaders of the people, and called your selves  
Ministers of the Gospel? but the Gospel which is my power  
saith the Lord God shall grinde you to powder, and have  
you not caused the people to erre from the knowledge of  
my way (the *light in every mans conscience, which shews them  
sin and evil?*) and have you not risen up with an open  
mouth against my Son, Christ, the *Light*, which lighteth  
every man that cometh into the World? and have you  
not blasphemed my Holy Name, and caused many of my  
dear and tender children to suffer grievous burthens and  
reproaches, persecutions, and long imprisonments, by  
crying out errors, deceivers, seducers, and blasphemie a-  
gainst them? but as I live saith the Lord God, these things  
which you have swallowed down, shall you vomit up again,  
and if none of you will yet bow down to my witnesse the  
*Light* in you, which lets you see the evil of your waies,  
you shall become the apparentest example of my wrath &  
indignation, as hath not been known in many ages; there-  
fore if any of you shall yet consider the end of your waies,  
and speedilie repent and turn from your evil deeds and  
words, and confesse to my Son, the *true Light* which you  
have so long done despite unto, it may be such may be hid  
in the terrible day at hand; for thus saith the Lord God,  
even the Lord of hosts, my determination is to break to  
pieces, confound, root up, and overturn, destroy, and ut-  
terlie consume the very savour of your root, & that earth  
(or earthly power) which strives to uphold you, shall par-  
take of your plagues, I the Lord have spoken it, and in  
mine eternal Councel it shall be accomplished.

Therefore O ye Priests, consider; Was not their mad-  
nesse and folly made manifest, that withstood the truth in  
ages past? Or did ever any weapon formed (or Law, plot  
or decree) against it and them that were in it, prosper?  
and is not Christ Jesus the truth, who lighteth every man that

cometh into the world? and are not they in the truth which be in the light which he hath enlightened them withall? and have you not withstood this truth, and them that be in it. by reproaches, revilings, persecutions, spoiling of goods, and imprisonments, more cruel and violent then *Jannes* and *Jambres* withstood *Moses*? Let Gods witnesse answer, which lets you see your ungodly deeds, and hard speeches, and convinceth you secretly of them, when you are alone and heeds it; but you are filling up the measures of your Fathers, that upon you may be powred down the vengeance for all the righteous blood shed from *Zacharias* to this day, and you shall not proceed any further, for then shall your folly, madnesse, and wickednesse, be manifest to all men as theirs was; Therefore thus saith the Lord God of power, howl, howl, and lament, O ye Idol shepherds, and be ashamed of your work O ye slothful vine-dressers, my fury is exceedingly kindled against you, and I am even wearie with forbearing; is not your flocks like the wild beasts of the forest, and your grapes of the vine of *Sodom*, and your gardens grown over with thorns, histles, and nettles? who of my Lambs and children can come among you, and not be torn, pusht or rent? Who of my Servants have I sent in my power among you that have not suffered violence by you, either by your bloodie hands, or by your arrowes shot at them, even bitter and reproachful words? let my witnesse search you and bow down speedily before it, least ye utterly fall into my Almighty dreadful hands where you will be plagued and tormented day and night for ever and ever without end; for my decree is gone forth concerning you, (and its revealed to babes) that night is come upon you (who have withstood the pure day of light and life, in which the Son of man is come as a thief, and so you like *Judas* and his company are risen against him with swords and staves, be that readeth, let him understand.

Again, hear the word of the Lord, O ye treacherous Priests, double minded, unstable, ungodly, truce-breakers, heady, high-minded, who have long loved pleasures,

tures, and ease in the flesh more then the pure God or his righteous way of life, your day of perplexity and wo is at hand, and you shall not escape.

For thus saith the Lord God, your horses nature within, nor your horses without, shall not deliver you from my decreed purpose, your sword within and without, shall be your snare, and you shall fall like the handfull after the harvest man, and be driven like chaffe before the wind, for blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out halfe their dayes, hear and understand; no murtherers have eternal life, and the wicked sword shall enter into his own bowels, hear ye Priests of England, this I charge upon you, to whom it is, who have taken my Servants words into your prophane lips, saying, *some trust in horses, and some in chariots, but we will trust in the Name of the Lord our God*; are ye not here found deceitful, and with a lie in your right hand, children of falshood, and a seed of evil doers, who trust in the arm of flesh, and to it stil have fled for your maintenance, and been found fighters against the true and living God, and his Children, for your God which now is manifest to be your bellies to thousands, for upon your bellies have you still gone, and dust have you eat, and wich it have you fed the people, and not with life, nor understanding in my Councel (the light which they be lighted withal) neither have you awaked my witnes in the hearts of them, but in ignorance, ease, and unrighteousness have you loved to lie down to sleep and slumber with them; and are the blind dumb dogs that have not barked (to wit spake in my pure power) to awaken and answer my own the just in every one, whereby the thief and robber might have been seen in the light the eye, which none sees you all to be thieves, murtherers, and robbers, that have climbed up another way then by the door Christ (*who lighteth every man that cometh into the world*) and have built upon the sand, but the storms are rising apace, that wil shake you off the earth, wherein great will be your fall, and you shall never rise again saith the Lord God Almighty.

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